REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 19-20 were pending. After entry of the above amendment, claims 3, 19 and 22 will be pending.

Applicants hereby affirm the election of Group 1 for examination.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102

Claims 1-8 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Jozefial et al (US Patent Application No. 2004/0019113). The Examiner contends that the compound 2-[(4'-chloro-3'-nitrophenyl)sulfonylaminobenzoic acid anticipates the instant claims.

Applicants traverse the rejection and request withdrawal of the same.

Claims 1-2 and 4-8 have been cancelled, and claim 3 has been amended to no longer read on the art of record.

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Bull. Chem. Soc. JPn 40:2844-2847 (1967), 2-benzenesulfonylaminocyclopentanecarboxylic acid;

J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans. I 1602-1605, (1973), 3-(4-chloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-1-methyl-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid;

Synthesis, 4:280-282 (1989), benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid, 3-[[[(1-methylethyl)amino]sulfonyl]amino];

Chem. Ber. 76:128-134 (1943), 2-benzenesulfonylamino-nicotinic acid and 1-benzenesulfonyl-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridine;

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 67:1711 (1945), 3-(4-amino-benzenesulfonylamino)pyrazine-2-

carboxylic acid;

Nippon Kagaku Kaishi 723-727 (1978), 1-[methyl-(toluene-4-sulfonyl)amino]naphthalene-2-carboxylic acid;

J. Chem. Soc. 961-966 (1950), 3-(toluene-4-sulfonylamino)naphthalene-2-carboxylic acid; 4-bromo-3-(toluene-4-sulfonylamino)-napthylene-2-carboxylic acid; 4-nitro-3-(toluene-4-sulfonylamino)-naphthalene-2-carboxylic acid;

Chem. Heterocycl. Compd. 8:1212-1215 (1972), 4-nitro-2-toluene-4-sulfonylamino)benzoic acid and 5-methoxy-2-(toluene-4-sulfonylamino)-benzoic acid and

J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans. I 2313-2318 (1973), 2-(toluene-4-sulfonylamino)cyclohexanecarboxylic acid.

Applicants traverse the rejection and request withdrawal of the same.

Claims 1-2 and 4-8 have been cancelled, and claim 3 has been amended to no longer read on the art of record.

CONCLUSION

This amendment addresses the issues raised in the Official action and places the claims in condition for allowance. Further, this amendment is made without prejudice to Applicants pursuing unclaimed subject matter in a continuing or divisional application. Entry of the proposed amendment and allowance of claims 13, 19 and 22 is earnestly solicited.

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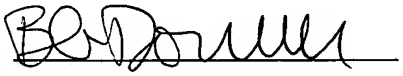

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